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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment C filed on 5/5/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-10 and 12-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12/18/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment C, filed 5/5/2004.
2. Claims 3-10 and 12-21 are pending in this application. Claims 4, 12, 14 and 21 are independent claims. In the Amendment C, claims 1-2 and 11 were cancelled, and claims 3-4, 7, 9, and 12-13 were amended.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jon Gibbons on July 9, 2004.
5. Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

A method for scrolling through at least part of a complete multimedia data set including still images, video, audio, and text, the method comprising:

receiving the size of a complete data set;

displaying a first scrollable region of indicators that represent the complete data set, the first scrollable region having a first marker to indicate a current selection from the complete data set;

displaying a second scrollable region of indicators that represents a subset of the complete data set in the first scrollable region, the subset containing less data than is contained in the complete data set and the second scrollable region

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containing a second marker indicating the current selection from the complete data set;

displaying a third region for displaying a current selection from the complete multimedia data set;

and receiving user input to move the second marker between a first indicator and a second indicator in the second scrollable region of indicators whereby the current selection in the third region is changed to correspond to a new selection from the complete multimedia data set corresponding to the second indicator;

wherein the step of displaying a second scrollable region includes displaying a second scrollable region formed to illustrate an expansion of the subset of the complete data set as a geometric shape ~~selected~~ selected from the group of geometric shapes consisting of trapezoids, rhombuses, triangles and rectangles, wherein the geometric shape comprising a scroll area forming a base, a top, a first side and a second side, the scroll area oriented so that the top is parallel to the first area and in close proximity thereto, and the base is positioned near the second area, and a series of separators defining a plurality of continuous regions within the scroll area wherein the regions are formed closer together at the top of the scroll area and the regions fan-out to be further apart at the bottom of the scroll area.

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Communications

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sajeda Muhebbullah whose telephone number is (703) 305-0720. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm (EST). The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, can be reached on (703) 308-0640.

The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

(703) 746-7238 [After Final Communication]

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Sajeda Muhebbullah
Patent Examiner
July 1, 2004

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